

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BENOIT BOLSEE

Serial No.: 09/372,129

Art Unit: 2664

Filed: August 11, 1999

Examiner: R. Jain

For: FRAME BUNDLING AND PAYLOAD SWITCHING

LETTER

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To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

Kindly reconsider and allow all claims.

The application was filed August 11, 1999 with 11 claims. In the first office action of October 23, 2002, claims 4-7 and 9-11 were allowed. Our June 23, 2003 response cancelled the rejected claims.

In the April 25, 2003 office action, the examiner surprisingly withdrew the allowance of claims and rejected the previously allowed claims on a combination of Goldberg and Dalton. Our August 25, 2003 response added new claims 12-15 and argued that all claims were allowable.

In a November 5, 2003 office action, the examiner rejected claims on a new reference, Ching, and on a combination of Ching and Goldberg. Our April 27, 2004 response argued that all claims should be allowed.

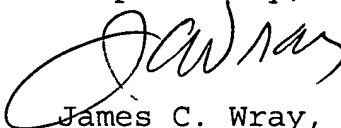
It is unusual (1) that there different examiners, Examiner Patel, Examiner Nobel Philip and Examiner Raj Jain, worked on the application; (2) that the second examiner withdrew the allowance and rejected claims after the first examiner allowed claims; (3) that the third examiner withdrew the second examiner's rejection and (4) that the third examiner rejected claims on a different reference not used by the first or second examiner.

All claims point out new and unobvious features not found in any of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully,



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